

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in this application as amended herein, and claims 20-29 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-29 are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

The above-noted revisions to the Specification and claims are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The above-noted amended claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which applicant considers to constitute his inventive contribution and to conform them to the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In addition, the revisions to the Specification are submitted in order to clarify and correct the Specification and to conform same to the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which the Examiner may have.

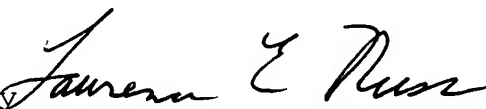
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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